

MR. DAVIS: Oh-oh, you got me locked out. Glen Davis, Montrose County. First of all, I'd like to thank all of you for taking your time to come here today. I, I don't think we're going to give you any new words of wisdom on how coal affects our lives. But, I did want to take the opportunity to thank you. I want to thank everyone in the audience for being here. And that having been said -- been said, I'd like to remind you, as the young man from Scott Tipton's office pointed out, this is a political issue. And they will address it in the best way they can. Unfortunately these folks setting up on the [indiscernible] work for a Federal government that has told you they're going to get rid of coal. They're going to blame it on the environment. They're going to blame it on all sorts of reasons. But, we're going to clean up our air because we get rid of coal. Now, we're not going to put any forest fires out. We will let them burn the State of Washington. We will create more emissions than they can create in the City of New York in 10 years. We've got solar warming. Now, some of you are not as old as I am. But, I remember 1920 when New York was going to be under water in just a few short years. At least four times during history with this global warming, you're going to get flooded out. It hasn't happened. So, we're not going to have coal. Now, there's a reason we're looking at the plants up in the Yampa Valley, which you folks -- some of you may be from the Yampa Valley. It's a beautiful spot. We're got three coal -- well, actually we've got four stations [indiscernible]. Anyway, we produce electricity for 1.5 million people out of the Yampa Valley. Now, there may be some people in here today from Tri-state. I, I don't know. But, let's just suppose that we don't renew that lease up there and they don't have their coal. How many hours a day will it take -- two, three, four -- that you'll be offline? There's nothing to replace that. We cannot store electricity from solar. We can't store it from wind. Now, we can cut back on power production when it's up and spinning and going. And they talk about environment. Have you ever seen one of these solar farms? I mean it's horrible. Now, I'm saying all that to say it's not about the environment. These people up here are our friends. They're following orders that a man you elected said he would do this. It makes no sense. How many of you have seen plans for all the nuclear power stations that's going in around the country? Me neither. How about the hydro projects? The rivers we're damming up and so we can do

this? No, we're putting the water out in the Pacific Ocean so we can save a shad. It wasn't even native to this country. Now, this has nothing to do with coal, except for every action there's a consequence. And when you shut down coal, where's your consequence? You're going to do without electricity. As a former Commissioner said, you're going to pay more for it. Now, coal will come back. You realize this. This is not the first time in history that we had decided to shut coal down. This is not an original idea without precedence. It's been tried before. What will happen is that one nuclear power plant setting up there on the East Coast that's trying to keep Washington lit up and New York lit up will not be able to handle other parts of the United States. If they go to Texas and they shut down coal that's on the surface, they're going to shut down Texas light and power; and Dallas and Houston and Fort Worth will go dark. So, coal will come back. But, in the meantime, don't be mad at, at the people that are delivering the message. Be mad enough to call your relatives and call your friends and get out and change the leadership in these places where it's affecting you because it's going to come back anyway. You're just going to have to wait longer for it. Our environment is not the question. Because if it was, do you think we would let a fire consume hundreds of thousands of acres? The fire we had a few years ago on the Eastern Slope. The one we had last summer in, in Washington and Oregon. The ones we've got going on now in California. Do you want a fire out? The National Guard will put a fire out. Do you want a fire out? The U.S. Army can put a fire out. But, the policy is to let it burn. And when somebody talks to you about global warming, tell them yeah, I know. It's already happened four times in the past. They predicted it. It happened. And look. New York built back. The West Coast of California is still there. What affects our environment, I'm afraid to a large extent, is what happens with that sun up there. And I checked this morning. God did not put me in charge of the sun today. So, I'm making no comments on, on the environment or global warming. But, the problem is out there. We're either going to have to build hydro projects, nuclear plants, or we're going to have to get new leadership. And the coal will be back. I want to thank you for your time. I want to thank you for being here. Look at the root of the problem. It's not the BLM. It's not the U.S. Forest Service. Make

youractions count and get out and let's change some
leadership,and then we will change the policy. Thank you.